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EXDIS- LEDSKY FROM NIMETZ, NATO FOR HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA

REF: NIMETZ-LEDSKY TELCON APRIL 2

1. FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION, I DISCUSSED THE GREEK CYPRIOT TENTATIVE PROPOSAL AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL WITH CLIFFORD. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN BRIEFED ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS. CLIFFORD'S REACTION WAS THE SAME AS MINE. HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT EACH SIDE WOULD TABLE A PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD THEN SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS. CLIFFORD NOTED THAT IN SUCH A DIFFICULT MATTER IT WAS  
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CLEAR THAT THE INITIAL PROPOSALS OF EACH SIDE WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER SIDE. BASED ON OUR INFORMATION TO DATE WE BELIEVE THAT (A) EACH SIDE WORKED LONG AND HARD IN PREPARING ITS PROPOSAL; (B) EACH PROPOSAL REPRESENTS A SINCERE ATTEMPT BY EACH SIDE ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY JUST A FIRST STEP WITH MINIMAL CONCESSIONS TO THE OTHER SIDE; (C) IT WOULD BE A GRAVE MISTAKE FOR THE

OTHER SIDE, IN EACH CASE, TO DISMISS THE OTHER SIDE'S PROPOSAL OUT OF HAND; AND (D) THE PARTIES SHOULD GIVE DETAILED COMMENTS DESCRIBING THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE

OTHER PARTY'S PROPOSAL - CONCEPTUALLY AND IN DETAIL. WE WOULD BE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED IF THE TALKS DO NOT AT LEAST RESULT IN A PROBING OF THESE PROPOSALS AND A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IMPRESSIONS. YOU MAY USE FOREGOING IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH UN, BOTH NEGOTIATORS, AND GUVENDIREN.

2. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE OUR SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE THE CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED BY TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS IN OBTAINING OUR VIEWS. WE WILL, HOWEVER, CONSIDER COMMENTING IN SUBSTANCE AFTER THE VIENNA TALKS CONCLUDE, IF THE PARTIES SO DESIRE.

3. WILL SEND BY SEPTTEL INR/EUR INITIAL ANALYSIS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS BUT AT THIS STAGE WE THINK YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM OFFERING SPECIFIC, DETAILED COMMENTS.

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